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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation Application based on co-pending Application of:

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above referenced Continuation Application, kindly amend the same as follows:

**AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

Please rewrite the Title of the Invention as follows:

--INTERNET-BASED METHOD OF SECURING A COMPUTER COMMUNICATION NETWORK SUPPORTING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK COMPUTING DEVICES--.

**AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, at line 12, after "This is" insert --a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/514,598 entitled "Globally Time-Synchronized Systems, Devices And Methods" filed February 28, 2000, which is--; and  
at line 12, delete "No. 09/---,---" and insert therefore --09/513,601--.

**AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-373 without prejudice and add Claims 374-379 as follows:

--374. An Internet-based method of securing a computer communications network supporting a network computing device, said Internet-based method comprising the steps of:

(a) embodying a GSU chip into said network computing device so provide a GSU-enabled network computing device,

(b) programming the GSU chip in said GSU-enabled network computing device with a set of predetermined time and space (TS) coordinates so as to enable said GSU-enabled network computing device to access said communications network or subnetwork thereof (or WWW server connected